

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session. It will next meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 8.

## Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

## Joint Meetings

### EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded hearings on the employment-unemployment situation for February, after receiving testimony from Katharine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 8 through March 13, 1999

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 280, Education Flexibility Partnership Act, with a vote on a motion to close further debate on Jeffords Amendment No. 31, in the nature of a substitute, to occur at 5 p.m., with a second cloture vote scheduled to occur on Tuesday, if necessary.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to continue consideration of S. 280, Education Flexibility Partnership Act, and any other cleared legislative and executive business, including S. 544, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations.

#### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* March 10, to hold hearings to examine crop insurance and risk management strategies, 8 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 9, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 9, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 9, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on United States-Afghanistan Policy, focusing on security, refugees and women, 2 p.m., SD-192.

March 10, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Joint Committee on Taxation, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

March 10, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Navy and Marine Corps programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 10, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on Amtrak finance and operational issues, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Energy, focusing on defense programs, materials disposition, and non-proliferation, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 11, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for Corporation for National and Community Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-116.

March 11, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 9, to hold a closed briefing on United States Government policies and programs to combat terrorism, 9:30 a.m., SH-219. March 9, Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing on United States Government policies and programs to combat terrorism, 10:45 a.m., SH-216.

March 10, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings on the condition of the services' infrastructure and real property maintenance programs for fiscal year 2000, 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

March 10, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine strategic and tactical lift requirements versus capabilities, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

March 10, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense focusing on tactical modernization, and the future years defense program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 11, Subcommittee on Strategic, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense focusing on ballistic missile defense programs and management, and the future years defense program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

March 11, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense focusing on the

defense health program, and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 9, Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance, to hold oversight hearings on the International Monetary Fund, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* March 10, business Meeting to markup S. 303, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to enhance the ability of direct broadcast satellite and other multichannel video providers to compete effectively with cable television systems, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 383, to establish a national policy of basic consumer fair treatment for airline passengers, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 11, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* March 11, to hold hearings on S. 507, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* March 10, to hold hearings to examine issues of the federal recovery of a portion of the tobacco settlement funds attributable to Medicaid, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to explore the ramifications of the changing world economy and the reforms that are needed in the international tax area, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 9, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings on issues relating to post election Cambodia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 9, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine current United States policy toward Iraq, 2 p.m., SD-419.

March 10, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the current human rights situation in Cuba, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine embassy security for a new millennium, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* March 8, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings on S. 335, to amend chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the nonmailability of certain deceptive matter relating to games of chance, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

March 9, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings on S. 335, to amend chapter 30 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for the nonmailability

of certain deceptive matter relating to games of chance, administrative procedures, orders, and civil penalties relating to such matter, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* March 10, to hold hearings on education research issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

March 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine patients' health protections, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 10, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 9, to hold hearings to examine interstate alcohol sales, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 11, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law on bankruptcy reform issues, 2 p.m., 2237, Rayburn Building.

*Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem:* March 11, to hold hearings to examine Y2K information technology readiness within the court system, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

## House Chamber

To be announced.

## House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* March 10, Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research, and Specialty Crops, hearing on Review of the Federal Crop Insurance Program, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

March 11, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing on Review of Forest Service fiscal year 2000 Budget, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* March 9, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, on the Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the FCC, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 9, Subcommittee on Interior, on the Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Capitol.

March 9, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on the Secretary of Education, 10 a.m., on Elementary and Secondary Education, Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Transportation, on Aviation Financing, 10 a.m., and on Air Traffic Control Modernization, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on FEC, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, on Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services, USAID, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the Secretary of State, 10 a.m., room to be announced, and on The Supreme Court, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 10, Subcommittee on Defense, on fiscal year 2000 Air Force Budget, 10 a.m., and executive, on the fiscal year 2000 Air Force Acquisition Program, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 10, Subcommittee on Interior, on the Secretary of Agriculture, 10 a.m., and on Forest Service, 11 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Vocational and Adult Education, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Educational Research and Improvement, and Howard University, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Quality of Life, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Transportation, on Aviation Safety and Security, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 10 and 11, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, on Rural Development, 1 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the Attorney General, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn, and on Members of Congress, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 11, Subcommittee on Defense, on fiscal year 2000 Navy/Marine Corps Budget, 9:30 a.m., and, executive, on fiscal year 2000 Navy/Marine Corps Acquisition Programs, H-140 Capitol.

March 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Energy Resources and Science, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Security Assistance, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

March 11, Subcommittee on Interior, on the Smithsonian, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Postsecondary Education, and Special Institutions for the Disabled, 10 a.m., and on Secretary of Labor, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Navy Construction, 9:30 a.m., B-3000 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, March 9, Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities, hearing on the Military Housing Privatization Initiative and the privatization of military utility systems, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 9, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on littoral warfare protection and ship recapitalization, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 10, full committee, hearing on the U.S. policy on Iraq, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on pharmacy redesign and TRICARE claims processing, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 10, Special Oversight Panel on Morale, Welfare, and Recreation, hearing on morale, welfare and recreation programs and resale activity oversight, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 11, full committee, hearing on the various combatant commanders-in-chief (CINC's) on their geographic areas of responsibility and assess the impact of the fiscal year 1999 defense budget request on their respective missions, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on the federal response to domestic terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction—increasing the effectiveness of the domestic emergency preparedness program, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on threats to U.S. civilian and military infrastructure from electromagnetic pulse attacks, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, March 11, to continue markup of the Financial Services Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, March 11, hearing on “The Clinton Defense Plan: Shipshape or Treading Water?” 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Commerce*, March 10 and 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearings on the Exxon-Mobil merger, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn on March 10 and 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn on March 11.

March 10, Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials, hearing on the Bond Price Competition Improvement Act of 1999, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on “Date Rape” Drugs, 9:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, to continue hearings on H.R. 45, Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1999, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, March 9, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on School Discipline: What’s Happening in the Classroom, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families, hearing on School Violence: Protecting our Children, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, March 10, to consider the following: Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates for fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; a draft report entitled: “A Citizen’s Guide On Using the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974 to Request Government Records”; H.R. 807, Federal Reserve Board Portability Act; and H.R.

472, Local Census Quality Check Act, 10 a.m., to be followed by an oversight hearing on Cardiovascular Disease: Is the Federal Government Doing More Harm Than Good? 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans Affairs, and International Relations, hearing on "Government-wide Spending to Combat Terrorism: GAO Views on the President's Annual Report", 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, March 9, to consider the following: Omnibus Committee Funding Resolution; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, March 9, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for fiscal year 2000–2001: Refugees and Migration, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Debt Relief for Africa, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 11, full committee, hearing on U.S. Policy Considerations on the Fortieth Anniversary of the Tibetan Uprising and the Dalai Lama's Flight into Exile, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 12, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for Fiscal Year 1999–2001, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, March 10, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the reauthorization of the Independent Counsel Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 10 and 11, Subcommittee on Crime, oversight hearings on putting consequences back into juvenile justice, Federal, State, and local efforts, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn on March 10 and 2141 Rayburn on March 11.

March 11, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, to markup the following bills: H.R. 768, Copyright Compulsory License Improvement Act; H.R. 850, Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFE) Act; H.R. 769, Madrid Protocol Implementation Act; and H.R. 771, to amend rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for recording depositions, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, to markup H.R. 441, Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999; and to hold an oversight hearing on the impact of immigration on low-skilled American workers and on American minority communities, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, March 9 and 10, hearings on the following bills: H.R. 701, Conservation Reinvestment Act of 1999 and H.R. 798, to provide for the permanent protection of the resources of the United States in the year 2000 and beyond, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 10, Task Force on Warner Creek, oversight hearing on Warner Creek Timber Sale, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 11, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the reauthorization of the Yukon River Salmon Act, the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, and the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee Agreement Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Mutual Fisheries Relations of May 31, 1988, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 11, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 66, to preserve the cultural resources of Route 66 Corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance; and H.R. 659, to authorize appropriations for the protection of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to direct the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields, to authorize the Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 11, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to consider pending business, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, March 9, to consider H.R. 800, Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999, 1 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, March 9, Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology of the Committee on Government Reform, joint hearing on The Impact of Litigation on Fixing the Year 2000 Problem, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment, oversight hearing on fiscal year 2000 Budget Authorization Request: Department of Energy—Offices of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Fossil Energy, and Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, 3 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, oversight hearing on fiscal year 2000 Budget: Regulations and Operations, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, March 10, hearing on S. 314, Small Business Year 2000 Readiness Act, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

March 11, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction and the Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, joint hearing on the Small Business Advocacy Review Panels created by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, March 10 and 11, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearings on H.R. 700, Airline Passenger Bill of Rights Act of 1999, 10 a.m., on March 10 and 9:30 a.m., on March 11, 2167 Rayburn.

March 10, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the Future Needs of the U.S. Maritime Transportation System, 2:30 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 11, full Committee, to consider H.R. 1000, Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, March 10, to consider Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 3 p.m., 334 Cannon.

March 10, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on oversight of the Veterans Benefits Administration; followed by a hearing and markup of H.R. 70, Arlington National Cemetery Burial Eligibility Act, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

March 10, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Veterans Health Administration capital asset planning, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

March 11, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on whistleblowing and retaliation in the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, March, 9, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Challenges Confronting Older Children Leaving Foster Care, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

March 10, full Committee, to markup H.R. 975, to provide for a reduction in the volume of steel imports,

and to establish a steel import notification and monitoring program, 10:30 a.m., followed by a hearing on Revenue Provisions in the Administration's Fiscal Year 2000 Budget, 11:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 11, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Barriers Preventing Disability Beneficiaries from Returning to Work, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, March 9, executive, to consider the Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 2 p.m., and, executive, to hold a hearing on Support to Military Operations and the Role and Performance of Intelligence in Desert Fox, 2:15 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

March 11, executive, briefing on Findings of the Cox/Dicks Committee, 3 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Meetings*: March 11, Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law on bankruptcy reform issues, 2 p.m., 2237, Rayburn Building.